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STOCKTON MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORN

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Stockton, Mo., man has pleaded guilty in federal court to possession of child pornography.

Danny D. Williams, 49, of Stockton, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr on Feb. 24, 2005, to charges contained in an Oct. 14, 2004, federal indictment.

Williams admitted that he downloaded images of child pornography from KAZAA file sharing and from other Internet searches and stored those images on his computer in February 2003. Williams possessed at least 215 images of apparent child pornography, including movie files, Graves said, some of which contained sadistic, masochistic and violent content.

By pleading guilty today, **Williams** also agreed to forfeit to the government an A Open desktop computer with a Western Digital hard drive, which was used to commit the offense.

Under federal statutes, **Williams** could be subject to a sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rose A. Barber. It was investigated by the Cedar County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Regional Computer Crimes Education and Enforcement Group, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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